

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1           1. (Original) A radiant electric heating element comprising a base plate, a first  
2 ceramic track printed on at least one face of the base plate, n electrically conductive heating  
3 track printed on the surface of the first ceramic track lying remote from the base plate, a  
4 second ceramic track printed on the heating track thus with the first ceramic track to surround  
5 and seal the heating track, terminal means being connected to the heating track for connecting  
6 same to a supply of electrical power.

1           2. (Previously Amended) The radiant electric heating element according to Claim 1,  
2 wherein both ceramic tracks are wider than the heating track.

1           3. (Previously Amended) The radiant electric heating element according to Claim 1,  
2 wherein the combined ceramic and heating tracks follow a meander pattern to cover a  
3 substantial area of the base plate.

1           4. (Previously Amended) The radiant electric heating element according to Claim 1,  
2 wherein a ceramic layer is printed or coated onto the face of the base plate remote from the  
3 ceramic and heating tracks.

1           5. (Previously Amended) The radiant electric heating element according to Claim 1,  
2 wherein the combined ceramic and heating tracks are printed on opposed faces of the base  
3 plate.

1           6. (Previously Amended) The radiant electric heating element according to Claim 1,  
2 wherein multiple combined ceramic and heating tracks are printed on opposed faces of the base  
3 plate.

1           7. (Previously Amended) The radiant electric heating element according to Claim 1,  
2 wherein the first and second ceramic tracks are formed from the same material.

1           8. (Previously Amended) The radiant electric heating element according to Claim 1,  
2 wherein the base plate is of stainless steel.

1           9. (Original) A method of producing a radiant electric heating element, comprising the  
2 steps of providing a base plate, printing a first ceramic track on at least on face of the base  
3 plate, printing an electrically conductive heating track on the surface of the first ceramic track  
4 lying remote from the base plate, such that the heating track is electrically insulated therefrom,  
5 printing a second ceramic track on the heating track so that with the first ceramic track the  
6 heating track is surrounded and sealed by the first and second ceramic tracks, and providing  
7 terminal means for connection of the heating track to a supply of electric power.

1           10. (Previously Amended) The method according to Claim 9, wherein the base plate  
2 is cleaned to ensure that the surface thereof is free of any contaminants, before printing thereon  
3 of the first ceramic track.

1           11. (Previously Amended) The method according to Claim 9, wherein the combined  
2 ceramic and heating tracks are printed on opposed faces of the base plate.

1           12. (Previously Amended) The method according to Claim 9, wherein multiple  
2 combined ceramic and heating tracks are printed on opposed faces of the base plate.

1           13. (Original) A toast making appliance comprising at least ~~[one]~~ one radiant electric  
2 heating element according to Claim 1, including means for supporting at least one slice of  
3 bread in close proximity to the heating element, even in direct contact therewith.

1           14. (Previously Amended) The toast making appliance according to Claim 13,  
2 wherein a pair of radiant electric heating elements, are placed in mutually parallel relationship,  
3 means being provided to enable adjustment of the distance between said parallel pair of  
4 elements.

1           15. (Previously Amended) The toast making appliance according to Claim 13,  
2 including a browning sensor.

1           16. (Previously Amended) The toast making appliance according to Claim 15,  
2 wherein said browning sensor is an infra-red emitter-receiver scanning detector.

1           17. (Previously Amended) The toast making appliance according to Claim 16,  
2 including means to auto-zero the scanning detector before each toasting operation, thus to  
3 provide browning control of breads having different initial colours.